(c) and (d). The quantum of electricity produced by UPSEB power plants in October, 1996 was 1902 MUs comprising of 1410 MUs from thermal plants and 492 MUs from hydel sources.

(e) With a view to meet the demands for power, Government closely monitors the progress of commissioning of power projects which are under execution in the State. The State has also been advised to undertake renovation and modernisation of old units, strengthen transmission and distribution systems. Moreover, new capacity would also be added during the Ninth Plan.

DDA Registrants

22. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether plots have since been allotted to all the persons who had registered their names under the Rohini Scheme of the DDA; and

(b) if not, the number of such persons and the time by which they would be allotted plots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of balance registrants as on date for allotment of plots in different categories is 38, 375. No fixed time scheduled can be given for allotment of plots to the balance registrants as the process depends on various factors like acquisition of land, development of infrastructure, availability of funds and provisions of services by the concerned agencies like MCD and DESU.

[English]

Indo-Oman Gas Pipeline Project

23. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agreement was signed in 1993 between India and Oman for laying a deep sea pipeline between both the countries;

(b) whether the proposal has now been scrapped by Oman;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is a scope to review the decision; and

(e) the present position and the loss suffered by the country due to the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e). An Agreement on Principal Terms was signed with Oman in September, 1994. In terms of that Agreement, the feasibility study for the deep-sea pipeline was taken up by the Oman Oil Company. The feasibility study is yet to be completed. It has been decided that the Gas Authority of India Limited and Oman Oil Company will set up a Joint Working Group to expedite the completion of the feasibility study. No loss has been suffered by India due to the Agreement referred to above.

Permission for Additional Construction

24. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has taken a decision to construct residential flats of not fewer than four storeys in order to maximise land use as well as augment availability of residential accommodation to the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether DDA is also considering the proposal to allow construction of another storey on flats of fewer than four storeys already constructed and allotted by DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The development proposal is based on the density FAR and ground coverage as contemplated in the Master Plan/Zonal Plan.

(c) No, Sir.

Rural Poverty

25. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the assessment of the Ministry with regard to rural poverty in June, 1992 and June, 1996, State-wise and

(b) the basis of arriving at such conclusions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). The latest estimates of State-wise poverty are based on quinquennial survey on household consumer expenditure of 43rd round of NSS held in 1987-88. A *statement* indicating the State-wise number and percentage of population below poverty line for 1987-88 is enclosed. The assessment of poverty as in June, 1992 and June, 1996 is not made.